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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-39 remain pending in the application.

In numbered paragraph 4, on page 2 of the Office Action, independent claims 1, 13 and 25, along with various dependent claims, are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,758,051 (Moreno et al.), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,787,287 (Bharadwaj), U.S. Patent No. 6,077,313 (Ruf), and U.S. Patent No. 6,615,403 (Muthukumar et al.). In numbered paragraph 5, on page 11 of the Office Action, dependent claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 27 and 28 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Moreno et al. patent, in view of the Bharadwaj patent, the Ruf patent and the Muthukumar et al. patent, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,016,398 ('398 Radigan). In numbered paragraph 6, on page 13 of the Office Action, dependent claims 6, 18 and 30 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Moreno et al. patent, in view of the Bharadwaj patent, the Ruf patent, and the Muthukumar et al.